

PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING
A BRAIDED BIFURCATED STENT

ABSTRACT

5 A process for manufacturing a braided bifurcated stent involves the use of
two or more braiding machines. In this process, a first discrete plurality of filaments are
braided to form a first leg, and a second discrete plurality of filaments are braided to form a
second leg. Either the same braiding machine may be used or two different braiding
machines may be used. The process also involves braiding the first plurality of filaments and
the second plurality of filaments together to form the body using yet another braiding
10 machine. Either the legs or body may be braided first.